# Directors' Meeting Monday, November 13, 2000 - 11:00 a.m. Conference Room 113

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# DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2000 CONFERENCE ROOM 113

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy (Arrived late).

**Council Member Absent:** Cindy Johnson.

**Others Present:** Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Jennifer Brinkman, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Joan Ross, Deputy City Clerk, Teresa Meier-Brock, City Clerk's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Member Camp & Council Member Johnson; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff, and Chris Hain, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

## I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely showed Council the "Well City" Award that the City received. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it was a nice event and Steve Beal from the Health Department is here. Mayor Wesely stated to Steve Beal that they did a nice job organization it and it was very impressive. Mr. Beal thanked Mayor Wesely. Mr. Beal stated that there was some Council members and County Board members there. Mayor Wesely stated that this was a big deal, that only five cities have received this award and it was a real achievement for the City of Lincoln.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he was going to tell them about where they are at on the ambulance issue after the Tuesday election. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that obviously they are having to work very fast and hard to make up the time they have lost from the last four months in dealing with the ballot issue. So, when the decision was made at the end of June that gave them about six months and now they are down to about a month and a half, so that is not a whole lot of time. Mayor Wesely stated to Council, so they have been talking to folks and they are trying to pull things together and they are very confident that everything will fall into place. But one of the things that has come up that he needs to go over with them deals with the ambulance decision. Mayor Wesely stated to Council as they recall they went through a big process that was concluded he believes in early September that the recommendation was that they go Braun for the ambulances and he agreed with that and they were set to go. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that there was a challenge by EPN by Jeff Miller with that proposal, the challenge was then taken to him. Mayor Wesely stated to Council what it came down to is that State law says that you have to have a dealers license not only to get the contract, but even to bid on it and that is the part that seems to him pretty clear and they didn't have a

license upon it. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mayor Wesely but they have a license now. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they do now, so if the law only said that if you have to have the license to get the contract that would be fine, but it's to even be involved in it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council, so what he is going to proposal is that they [inaudible] and this delays them, but he thinks it is the cleanest, the clearest solution to the problem. Mayor Wesely stated to Council unfortunately right now time is of the essence, but he don't see a better way to go and the other opposition is for law to say that they could go forward with Braun, but there are some law suits and it is a gray area and he just don't want anymore gray areas. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it could take this step, but he doesn't think that is the right decision and he thinks they need to allow for a rebidding on it. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he will be sending a letter to Jeff Miller today with that decision. Mayor Wesely stated to Council according to Vinci Mejer the time frame on it would be that they would advertise for the bid under this proposed time line of November 17<sup>th</sup> and get the bids on December 6<sup>th</sup>, then they will evaluate the bids the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>; work the bids December 15<sup>th</sup> and they will get the ambulances in mid March. So this gives them 2 ½ months of what they need to have for help on ambulances. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council what it means is that they are going to have a transition period where they are not going to have ambulances as they would like to have, but they will be fine and they will work something out. Mayor Wesely stated that he thinks this is the way to go. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the Braun bid was less than they thought and it was a very good product, so it is kind of disappointing, but they'll see what happens on the rebid.

Mr. Camp stated that he would like to see parts of the bidding process revamped. Mayor Wesely stated that he thinks Vinci Mejer is actually looking at a more simplified process this time having worked from the previous experience. So, they think it will be a broader, perhaps a good and clearer process. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that they are going to try to take the experience they had on the first one and simplify it, get it out and then they are shortening the time frame in terms of the bid process because everybody kind of knows the situation a little bit better. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he is right about the new ambulances in mid March and he doesn't know if that adds or doesn't add to the policy. Mr. Camp stated that when he did his research, he found that you go closer to a six month period that it helps a lot of the manufactures and their time they can do it. Mayor Wesely stated that they are trying to work out this interim issue on the ambulances and if they can get them through a longer period of time. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that it would just work best for the City. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he thinks that makes sense. Mayor Wesely stated that their concern is actually trying to move quickly as they can. Mayor Wesely stated that the supply bids are coming in and he thinks those are coming forward and again it is coming in less than what they thought. Mr. Shoecraft commented so the supply bid is 30% under and the billing is about 50%, so it is a significant savings on both of them. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft that is correct. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they can go forward on the billing part of it. Mayor Wesely asked Chief Spadt if that was right on the supplies. Chief Spadt stated that is correct, 30% and 50% on the billing. Mr.

Shoecraft commented that is good. Mayor Wesely commented that is a nice chunk. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are feeling really good about the relationship with EMS, Inc., getting the training done and a month and a half isn't much time, but that has already started to take place. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they will be coming back to them to talk about moving out the EMS, Inc. changes that they had agreed too and to try to get those done a little quicker. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that there is just so much happening on it in the last week, but they are getting good cooperation. Mayor Wesely indicated that Rural Metro has been very good and they feel like they are willing to cooperate. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mayor Wesely that he had requested that the Law Department put on the Agenda the Certificates, so they can deny those and make them go away because they need to do some clean up. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay. Mr. Shoecraft asked Jennifer Brinkman if that was correct. Jennifer Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft "yes" that they'll need to go ahead and deny the certificates that they had the hearing on in June. Ms. Brinkman stated that the EMS, Inc., things that will come before them will include what they had talked about regarding the contract that they approved with EMS, Inc. that takes place next September. That it made changes to their powers and duties and they'll come forward with their current contract making those same changes and those will happen right now. So they don't have to wait until next September and they will only do those things. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman okay. Mayor Wesely stated that the biggest concern right now is the ambulances, getting the ambulances here. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks they will be fine. Mayor Wesely asked Council if they had any questions on the ambulance issue. Mr. Shoecraft asked Don Herz with this significant reduction that for the first couple of months he would like to get some projections. Don Herz stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they do those projections.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Mayor Wesely where are they at on the process in regards to the non-emergency transport. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he wanted to let them know that he did follow up and talk with hospitals about it the next day and they said that they looked at it, evaluated it and that they understand it. Mayor Wesely stated that the hospitals are helping them right now to work through this transition, so they have an excellent relationship with them. Mayor Wesely stated that they are talking to EMR and Rural Metro in Platte Valley saying it is opened and all they have to do is come in and fill out a form, so they are trying to get that worked out.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he will be meeting with the Amigo's owners on 27<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Parkway. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he doesn't know what will be worked out. Mayor Wesely commented that his sense is that there is a lot of support on trying to work something out. Mayor Wesely indicated that when he says work something out their hoping that the property could be purchased back. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they have any feelings about it that this would be the time to tell him because they will be meeting with them in a few days. Mayor Wesely

commented to Council that he feels like it is important and he feels this corner is one corner away from having that whole area looking very nice. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he wanted to let them know that they will be meeting with them this week, so he will probably get back to them on Monday. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that they have had concerns on the area around 27<sup>th</sup> & Randolph and he was wondering if maybe there was any way that they could "kill two birds with one stone". Mr. Camp stated that it would be nice to help that situation. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he thinks one of the things they hope to talk about is the property exchange that they might be able to make with them, Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp so "yes" that would be a good idea.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council the other thing he wanted to talk to them about was the Reappointment of Mr. Fortenberry to the District Energy Corporation. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Mr. Fortenberry's term will expire at the end of this year . [Council received letter of this Reappointment in their "Noon" packet] Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he talked to Mr. Fortenberry about this reappointment and Mr. Fortenberry asked for a few weeks to think about it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council so why don't they give Mr. Fortenberry a couple of weeks to think about it and than Mr. Fortenberry can let them know what he would like to do.

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Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 12, under Miscellaneous Referrals, they have one item to set a hearing date for November 20, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. on the Manager's Application for Whitehead Oil Co. dba U-Stop Convenience Shop at 3244 Cornhusker Shop.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council on the Pending list in regards to Item 33 [Amending the corporate limits of the City by annexing approx. 45 acres of property generally located at S. 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Mockingbird Lane North] they will need a motion to move this item forward to have Public Hearing on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that this ties in with Items 51 & 52 on the tentative listing of their Agenda. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she understands that Mr. Mechling is going to be here from North Carolina, that he has made his airline travel plans, so they can expect him to have this coming up. Mr. Cook asked if someone from the Planning Department could get in contact with the individuals out there who have been interested in this issue in the past. Ray Hill stated to Mr. Cook that they will contact the people that have contacted them on the annexation. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Hill okay and thanked him.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council also on the Pending list in regards to Items 48 & 49 [Amending the 1994 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comp. Plan to adopt the Boulevard concept for Public Way Corridors & to incorporate the Lincoln Fringe Area Primary Public Way Corridor Study by reference; & Adopting the Lincoln Electric System Annual Operating & Capital Improvements Budget for calendar year 2001] they will need a motion to move both of these items forward for Public Hearing and Action on November 20th. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross asked Council if they want to have Public Hearing again on Item 48. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that they did have Public Hearing on Item 49. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 48, she asked if they want Public Hearing or just Action on this item. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross to also have Public Hearing on it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

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Mr. Shoecraft asked Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross during the end of the Council Meetings if she was reading the whole statement each week or if she was just saying -"there is no one who has submitted their names". Mr. Shoecraft stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross if not, they need to actually read the statement at the end of the Council Meetings. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay. Mr. Shoecraft stated that Joan Ray was thinking about revising his opening remarks and including that, and he told her that's pretty much stated every week. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she knows she has read it when they knew there were people there. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross that he thinks at the end of the Council Meetings that she needs to first read the statement - "Any person desiring to have their name & subject matter listed on the Formal Agenda pertaining to matters not on the current Agenda, or not scheduled to appear on a future Agenda, should notify the City Clerk by 10:00 a.m. the Wednesday prior to the next Formal City Council Meeting" and than read the statement - "Anyone wishing to address the Council on a matter not on this Agenda, or not scheduled to appear on a future Agenda, may do so at this time". Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Health Department Still Waiting For Flu Vaccine To Arrive. — Mr. Shoecraft stated that they are still waiting. Scott Beal stated that they still don't have anything yet, but they were tentatively planning on starting the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, so if it arrives by then they will start giving people the flu

vaccine shots. Mr. Shoecraft commented that there are a number of people that are coming down with the symptoms and he doesn't know if it is contributed to everybody not getting their flu shots, but it is spreading among the people that he knows. Scott Beal stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he doesn't think they have any confirm cases of the flu in Lincoln and Lancaster County right now and there are some locations that are giving vaccine, but they don't have any at this point. Mr. Beal stated that they have set up a telephone number in regards to this issue.

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#### LAW DEPARTMENT

1. Inter-Department Communication from Connor L. Reuter, City Law - RE: Follow-up to Animal Control Pre-Council of 11/6/00 (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). — Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council what Connor Reuter wanted to do was to submit the memo to them at Ms. Seng's request and then get additional comments and see when they wanted to place it back on the Agenda. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Dana Roper that he thinks they are going to continue to review the material this week and then may be they can get some additional comments by the end of the week. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

## **FINANCE**

## C. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. E-Mail from JoAnn K. Kinney RE: Supports the proposed Ashley Heights development at N.W. 48<sup>th</sup> & West Huntington. NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
- 2. Letter from Paul Almburg RE: Supports the proposed Ashley Heights development at N.W. 48<sup>th</sup> & West Huntington. NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
- 3. E-Mail from Ms. C.D. Miller RE: Concerns of "Seacrest Park and Wedgewood Lake Area Residents". NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
- 4. E-Mail's from Cory Schlueter, Karen Griffin, Michael & Angie Sinclair, & Kris Mussman RE: Supports the proposed Ashley Heights development at N.W. 48<sup>th</sup> & West Huntington. Mr. Shoecraft stated that he thinks this issue is on the Council Agenda for next week. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it might be scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup> instead of next week. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross that he doesn't know. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she thinks it is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>, but she will check on it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross asked Mr. Shoecraft if November 27<sup>th</sup> will be an evening Council Meeting. [5:30 p.m.].

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross that they haven't made that decision yet, but they will discuss it at the "Noon" Meeting today. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay because they are starting to schedule things.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Mayor Wesely, if his office has been involved at all in the issue regarding Ashley Heights. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that "yes" they have been and they have talked to the neighborhood and they are now re-evaluating what the Planning staff and the Planning Commission said about it. Mayor Wesely stated that they did talk to Neighborhood Roundtable about what their thoughts were on it and the neighborhood really has a hopeless lead on it, so the neighborhood is meeting on Tuesday. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that the neighborhood is trying to figure out what is going on. Mr. Shoecraft commented that the Planning Commission recommended denial as well as the staff. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he thinks the staff recommended approval for it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are trying to get something back to them like an outline of what is going on regarding this issue. Mr. Shoecraft stated that hopefully a compromise can be worked out.

Ms. McRoy stated that she has meet with the neighborhood people at least twice and they will be meeting with the developers and with Meyers on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Ms. McRoy stated that she thinks the neighborhood is supporting it because of the B-2 area. Ms. McRoy stated that it is kind of a difficult issue. Mayor Wesely commented that they want housing out there. Ms. McRoy stated that she sees both sides of it and so this puts her in a bad position.

## IV. DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Allan Abbott stated to Council that phone calls are coming in on sidewalks. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that the letters went out and they are advising to people about the up coming hearing on sidewalks. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that they are getting a lot of phone calls from people who really don't want the sidewalks. Mr. Shoecraft asked Mr. Abbott on the new construction of sidewalks or for the repairs on sidewalks. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft for the new construction of sidewalks. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that some people believe they voted years ago that the City could pay for new sidewalks as well as for repairs. Mr. Abbott commented to Dana Roper that he is going to be busy. Mr. Abbott stated to Council, so he is sure they will be getting a lot of calls and a lot of E-Mail's regarding this issue. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they are returning phone calls as they can.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott that him and Mr. Fortenberry have been talking about this issue and he mentioned something to him today about a number of projects that they can envision using the Keno for. Mr. Shoecraft indicated that they always said if they could do more if they had enough and he knows there is a big huge wish list out there that

a lot of people would like to use the Keno for. Mr. Shoecraft stated that why can't they try to take a little bit for these projects and why not sidewalks over some type of a Long Range Plan. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft the thing about sidewalks is that their one time, so it would be an option. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mayor Wesely that Mr. Fortenberry also had a suggestion for it. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that he suggested to call it the Special Projects Fund and if the sidewalk issue was a priority like it was last year they could utilize it. Mr. Fortenberry commented that he has a lot of ideas.

Mr. Shoecraft asked Mayor Wesely when are they going to be revisiting the issue with the County on the portion of the pie. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft that Don Herz is working on some material and once he gets it done, then they will get it and they will sit down and talk about it. Mayor Wesely asked Don Herz how much longer does he think it will be. Mr. Herz stated to Mayor Wesely that it will probably be about another two weeks. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they will get the material about the end of November and then sometime in December they can sit down and visit. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they will find some time. Mr. Shoecraft stated that he thinks they will probably be very receptive to have some limit on Keno and they were talking about anything over and above the capital would go into a special fund. Mr. Shoecraft stated that typically the certain portions still would go to Parks, and they would possibly do the ice skating facility, Wilderness Park or Wilderness Park Projects or what ever they said they would use it for. Then anything over and above the capital they could use it for special projects and those special projects could possibly be sidewalks or a Police Station or what ever the City or the citizens think they need. Mr. Shoecraft stated that he thinks the public would be very receptive to use anything over and above the capital on Keno funds.

## V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

# JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that he wants to ask about this at the "Noon" Meeting, but he just thought he would mention it here about the "minutes" from Council Meetings and whether or not they should ask that their comments during the voting session be included in those "minutes". Mr. Cook stated that he had talked to Joan Ross about it and she said that they would talk about it at the "Noon" Meeting today.

Mr. Fortenberry asked what's prompting that idea, that he doesn't know where it originally came from that they would not be included in the "minutes". Mr. Cook stated that he thinks they often say things during the voting session they would prefer to have on the records for future reference and many people don't know that isn't recorded and he's not sure why it is not.

Mr. Shoecraft stated that he knows during the Public Hearing any comments are included in the "minutes", but during Executive Session that typically if you want something in record - "you say that you want this included in the "minutes" and it is included in it". Mr. Shoecraft asked Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross if they shut off the recorder during Executive Session. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft that "no" they don't, they just don't include the comments in the "minutes". Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated that the comments are on the tape, so then at anytime if someone wanted it or if they had a transcript request from court they would have it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated that she doesn't know if it is tradition or a long standing thing, but they don't do word for word in the voting session. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated that it may go back to the fact that at one time the public was not allowed during that session and then you know for word for word is part of the public record, which anybody can get a copy of it. But of course now that has changed, that they call it the voting session and what they have typically done is the formal motion, the vote and anytime a Council Member would say they want it for the record or if there would be questions for staff, that it would have to be in the record that they did it. Otherwise, they would not transcribe it into the public record or into the public minutes any other comments that they did not state, but they do record it. Mr. Shoecraft commented that sometimes he has seen where they have talked for a half hour during the Executive Session on comments. Mr. Cook commented that he knows that sometimes they do refer back to those comments with a major Public Hearing, but if it was major in voting session that they might not be able to have as easy of a reference there. Mr. Cook stated to Council that at the "Noon" Meeting today, he would like to talk about whether they should change the policy or if they leave it as it is should they have some mechanism for recording those comments in the "minutes".

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross if she doesn't think that is going to propose a problem. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that it is going to lengthen the time it takes to transcribe the "minutes" into the record of course, but what ever Council wants they will do it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross commented to Council that the Public Hearing gets quite long and then if you go into the voting session and they have a rehash of something that now what they have is a lot more transcribing time. Mr. Shoecraft stated that they will talk about it at the "Noon" Meeting today.

Mayor Wesely commented to Mr. Shoecraft if he don't mind, could he mention the Legislative on how they did it in the Legislature. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that at the hearing it is all transcribed and all public record, than when they went into the executive session they had to vote and the press was always allowed in, but no cameras or anything like that was allowed in during the executive session. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council, so it is a very different situation than what they have going on, that when they go into the voting session they have public hearing and so much more. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are much more opened then the State Legislative.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he always assumed that if somebody wanted to make a comment that was appropriate for that moment, but didn't want to add it into the permanent record that he never knew why. Mr. Fortenberry stated that personally during the voting session, that the final consolidation of his comments he wants to have it be public. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that they can't figure out exactly why it was done like this in the beginning. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross commented to Council that she has been working for the City for over 30 years and it always has been done that way, but again at one time the executive session was private and closed.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk with Allan Abbott and Ray Hill after the Director's Meeting today.

#### ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

## **CINDY JOHNSON - ABSENT**

## JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that they finished the Final Design Phase of Phase 4 on the Entryway Corridor Design and he is pleased with the way it has turned out. Mr. Fortenberry suggested that when the Cornhusker Highway interchange gets redeveloped they need to make sure that the State is informed because they have specifications they would like to see implemented. Mr. Fortenberry stated that on some of these things they have a golden opportunity to implement and without additional cost to the City, but there has to be a driver to this thing, so that none of these issues fall through the cracks. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he knows that Ray Hill is on it, but he wanted to have the concept out so they don't miss a good opportunity.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that he was going to actually write a letter in this regards on how he sees it, if he wants him to do it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry if he has the time that would be great.

#### **COLEEN SENG**

Ms. Seng stated to the Building & Safety Department that she received a call from Scott Stewart saying he thinks there is a sign that's not legal and it is advertising "Ruby Tuesday's" and something else, which is near or on the Lincoln Journal Star property.

Ms. Seng asked Mike Merwick if he knew what sign Mr. Stewart was talking about

because she doesn't know. Mr. Merwick stated to Ms. Seng that there is a flasher that advertises "Ruby Tuesday's". Ms. Seng indicated to Mr. Merwick that she thinks somebody probably needs to check on it and see if what they are doing is legal. Mr. Merwick stated to Ms. Seng that he will check on it.

Ms. Seng stated that she wanted to thank Chief Spadt for attending her Citizen Meeting this morning. Ms. Seng stated that she asked Chief Spadt before the election and asked him win or loss would he come to the meeting and he said that he would. Ms. Seng stated that there were a lot of good questions.

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

## **JERRY SHOECRAFT - NO COMMENTS**

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he would like to talk with the Mayor and Chief Spadt after the Director's Meeting today. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry sure he can.

# VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

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